(c) The details of *ex-gratia* amount reimbursed to Government of Jammu and Kashmir in respect of payments made by them to persons killed/property damaged in terrorist violence are as below:

(Rs. in crores)

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (upto Dec.' 99)
30.90	24.19	27.76	26.92

(d) With a view to tackling the problem of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, the Govt. has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for Security Forces.

Steps are being taken to flush out militants and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

Circulation of Fake Currency by Pakistan High Commission Official

699. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official of the Pakistan High Commission has been recently found to have handed over a counterfeit currency note at the bank extension counter of a South-West Delhi School:

(b) if so, whether the officials of the Pakistan-High Commission at New Delhi in connivance with the ISI agents are trying to bring in fake currency notes for circulation; and

(c) if so, what immediate steps would be taken to watch the activities of Pakistan High Commission Official?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) An official of the Pakistan High Commission at Delhi is alleged to have deposited with Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan, a currency note of the denomination of Rs. 500/-towards the fee of his son, which was later found to be fake. Delhi Police have registered

a criminal case in this connection and taken up the investigation. The steps taken to check the circulation of fake currency in the country include.

(i) Printing of currency notes with additional security features;

(ii) The Reserve Bank of India issues press releases from time to time to enable the public to distinguish between genuine and fake currency notes;

(iii) The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a Special Unit for exclusive investigation of cases of counterfeit currency;

(iv) The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant so as to ensure that fake currency notes are not smuggled into the country; and

(v) A committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Finance for examining cases of counterfeit currency and recommend remedial measures that should be taken by the note printing presses from time to time.

Cases Against Hijackers

†700. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases registered against the criminals, crime-wise who hijacked the Indian Airlines plane coming from Nepal and killed passenger called Mr. Katyal;

(b) the number of days after which cases were filed about the incident and the action taken against the personnel found guilty for delay; and

(c) what action has been taken so far to arrest the criminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Central Government have asked CBI to investigate into the incident of hijacking of Indian Airlines Flight IC-814 which was on a scheduled flight Ex-Kathmandu-Delhi on 24.12.1999.

Pak's Five point policy on Kashmir

701. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.